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ORDER NO. 5312

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners: Robert G. Taub, Chairman;

Michael Kubayanda, Vice Chairman;

Mark Acton:

Ann C. Fisher; and Ashley E. Poling

Modifications of Mail Classification Schedule for International Mail

Docket No. MC2020-27

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

(Issued November 18, 2019)

I. INTRODUCTION

On November 15, 2019, the Postal Service filed a notice of changes to product descriptions pursuant to Commission rule 39 CFR 3020.90.¹ The Postal Service seeks to make changes to the country price list for international mail that appears in Part D of the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS). Notice at 1. The changes are intended to take effect on January 26, 2020. *Id.*

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Minor Classification Changes, November 15, 2019 (Notice).

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The Postal Service states that the purpose of the minor modifications to the country price list is "to conform to official sources and improve the accuracy of the product descriptions in the MCS." *Id.* The Postal Service maintains that the proposed changes satisfy the requirements of 39 CFR 3020.90 because the changes should result in a more accurate representation of the Postal Service's offerings by allowing mailers to more precisely locate pertinent information, the Notice is filed no later than 15 days prior to the intended effective date, and the changes merely revise the MCS without otherwise changing product offerings or the prices or price groups. *Id.* at 1-2. The Postal Service also asserts that the proposed changes do not significantly change the user experience for any product and that there is no evidence that the changes will significantly impact competitors. *Id.* at 2. The proposed change adds an individual country listing for the Republic of South Sudan to reflect its independence from Sudan and revises the MCS to reflect products that are offered to the Republic of South Sudan, without changing the products or prices or price groups applicable to such products. *Id.*

III. NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.91, the Commission has posted the Notice on its website and invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filings are consistent with 39 CFR part 3020, subpart E. Comments are due no later than December 3, 2019. The filing can be accessed via the Commission's website (http://www.prc.gov).

The Commission appoints Stephanie A. Quick to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

IV. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

- 1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2020-27 to consider matters raised by the Notice.
- 2. Comments by interested persons are due by December 3 2019.
- 3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Stephanie A. Quick is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
- 4. The Commission directs the Secretary of the Commission to arrange for prompt publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Darcie S. Tokioka Acting Secretary